



LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME ALERT NOTICE
CONVENTION CENTER AREA COMMAND
BURGLARY AWARENESS PREVENTION NOTICE



The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) - Convention Center Area Command is distributing this Crime Alert Notice which is intended to advise you of criminal activity that may affect you or your community. During the last two months the Convention Center Area Command has seen an increase of **residential and vehicle burglaries** reports. Please read the below listed tips which may help you decrease these types of crimes while eliminating the opportunity for criminals who commit these crimes.

Crime Prevention Tips:

In many of the residential burglaries, most occurred during the daytime hours and while the resident was *not at home*. **Residents** are urged to lock all windows, exterior doors including the interior garage door, sliding doors and side entrance doors. Also consider installing or maintain motion lights around entry points. Usually **residential burglaries** have some sort of forced entry made by kicking in the front door which can be prevented by installing 3 ½ inch or longer screws into the deadbolt striker plate on the door frame. Longer wood screws help fortify and hold the door in place if kicked in by a burglar. Burglars will also try to enter through a rear window of the residence if they think no one is inside. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to prevent hiding spots. Complete a *home inventory* of your valuables to include; **brand name, model number/name, serial number, color and the approximate value**. If you record the proper information, this provides law enforcement with a useful tool to quickly recover & return property, arrest & prosecution of the criminals responsible for the theft. Talk to your neighbors and let them know when you're on vacation. Start a Neighborhood Watch on your street or in your complex!

If you see suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in your neighborhood you are urged to please call 311 immediately. This includes any unknown person(s), adults or juveniles knocking on your front door asking for someone other than who lives in your home or hanging around the parking areas.

We also recommend that if you are at home and someone knocks on the front door to NOT open it but to speak through your locked door. By NOT opening the door and speaking with them through a locked door it helps keep you safe while letting them know that someone is at home. Also keep garage doors closed at ALL times!

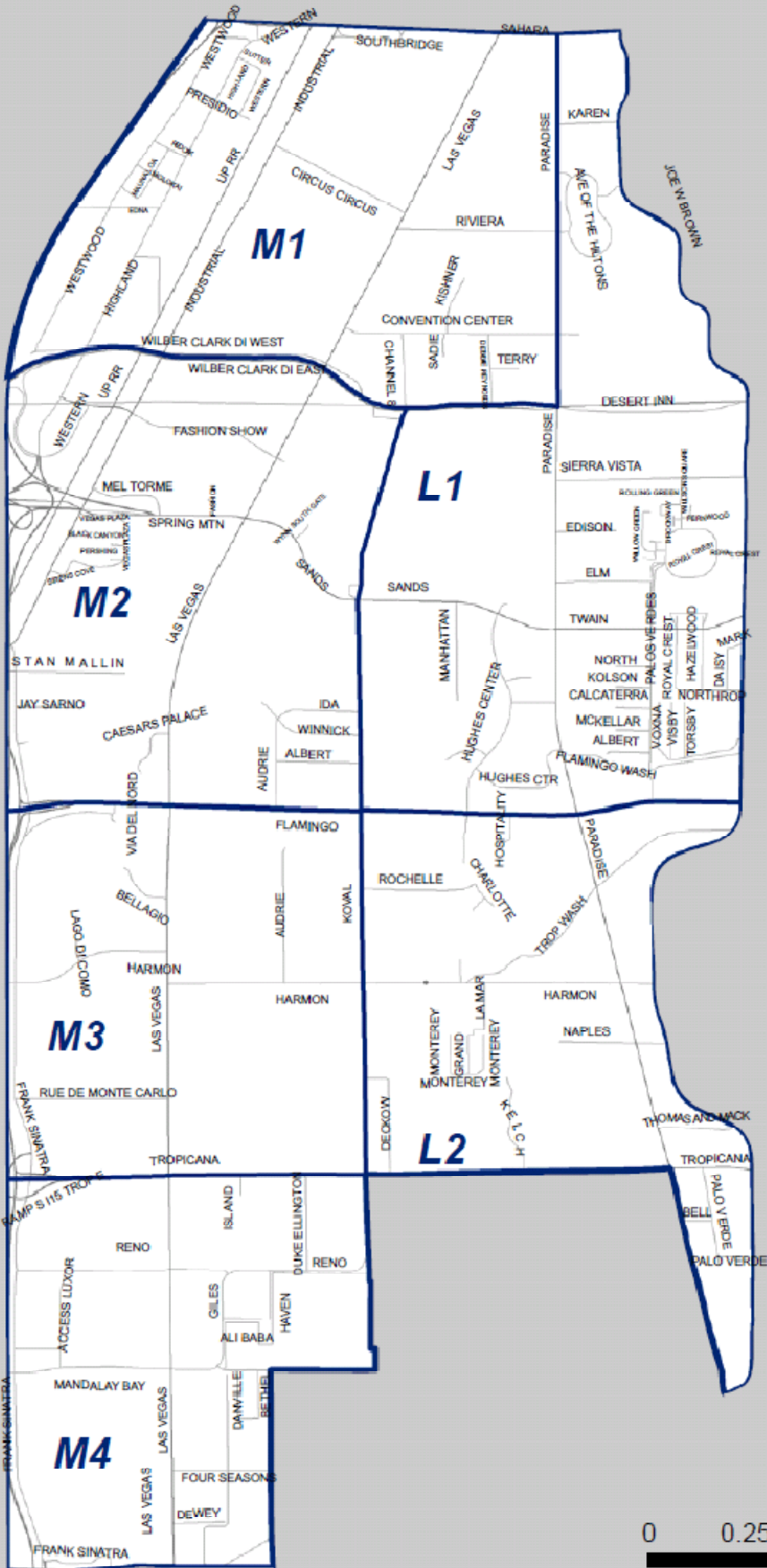
Vehicle Owners should remove ALL of items within their vehicle or hide ALL items in the trunk and then lock your vehicle windows and doors. **DRIVE IT! PROTECT IT!** Vehicle burglaries have recently increased due to personal items left out in plain sight inside the vehicle. Entry is usually made by either an unlocked door/window or a window is broken out. Even items such as loose change, purses, wallets, mail, GPS/or even the GPS holder, laptops, stereos, briefcases are all items that if seen in plain sight can become a target for a vehicle burglar.

Please be aware of these crime prevention tips and take steps to ensure your home and vehicle are safe by using common sense practices. IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY PLEASE BE A GOOD WITNESS AND CALL 311 FOR A NON-EMERGENCY AND 911 IF THERE IS A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY. If you have any information on these crimes please call Property Crimes Section 702-828-3204 or you can remain anonymous by calling

Crime Stoppers 385-5555

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